Principal’s Report
Congratulations to Aaron Dures and Olivia Falko for receiving prizes in the Mayoral Photographic Competition held throughout October. Aaron received first prize in the Kindergarten to Year 2 section and Olivia received third prize in the Years 3 to 6 section. First prize is a $300 for the school and third prize is $100 for the school. The students will be presented with the cheques by the Mayor, Bob Pynsent, in the coming weeks.

Bushfire Season
The warmer weather is upon us and, with it comes the Bushfire season. I would like to thank the Rural Fire Service for a job well done last Sunday in preventing a likely catastrophe for the Pelaw Main Community. The local fire service was in constant communication with me on Sunday, providing updates as to the safety of our school. This is a timely reminder that we have evacuation procedures in place for our students and staff, in the event of a Bushfire.

Following, is the procedure for our school in the event that we are informed to evacuate the school due to local bushfire activity.

Students, Staff and volunteers will ask to assemble at Jacob’s Park (across the road from school) to have rolls marked. If the fire is deemed to be too close to evacuate to Jacob’s Park, all personnel will move to Centenary Park Soccer Fields. If Centenary Park is deemed unsafe to assemble, all personnel will be escorted to Kurri Kurri Central cricket ground (next to the Tennis Courts). Parents/caregivers and/or emergency contacts will be notified to collect their children. Parents will be asked to report to their child’s classroom teacher to have their child’s name marked off. The procedure for evacuation is also on the front page of our website, in our news section.

Fire Brigade Visit
Speaking of the Fire Brigade, our Kindergarten students will be receiving a visit from the Kurri Kurri Fire Brigade on Monday, 10th November at 2:30pm. Students will be given some demonstrations from the Fire Brigade and, maybe even a look at the Fire Truck.

Remembrance Day
Students in K-6 will be participating in a Remembrance Day ceremony on Tuesday, 11th November from about 10:45am, in the school hall.
Running Club
On Saturday 1st November, 4 students in stage 2 participated in Park Run at Walka Water Works, Maitland. Zane Stone, Aydan O’Driscol, Ky Haggarty, Max Stauffer and approximately 470 runners from the community, ran the 5km track with eagerness and finished amongst the top 200. Well Done boys for representing our school with enthusiasm and pride. We hope to see lots more runners from Pelaw Main in the future.
Mrs Lantry - Running Club Co-ordinator

School Leader Nominees for 2015
Candidates will present a speech to potential voters on Thursday 13th November and voting will take place that day. Students in Years 2 – 5 will each vote for one girl and one boy.
School Leaders for 2015 will be announced on Presentation Day! A formal assembly will take place very early in 2015 for the successful candidates to receive their badges & sign a code of conduct with their parents. We all wish every candidate the very best of luck and look forward to hearing their speeches next week!

Careers Through Reading
Year 5 students will continue to participate in Careers through Reading, on Wednesdays, to gain a better understanding of career paths, both at University, and in the wider workforce. The students worked very well with their groups again this week and hope they continue to gain some knowledgeable insights into careers after school.

School Disco
The Year 6 Disco Fundraiser was a great success and the evening was enjoyed by all.
Thank you to the Year 6 workers, parent helpers and teachers who did a wonderful job, and made the night possible.

Staff Movement
Miss King will be participating in the last of her professional learning days for L3 on Thursday, 13th November, from 9am-12pm. Miss Latter will be teaching the class in Miss King’s absence.

Kindergarten Orientation
The last of our Kindergarten Orientations will take place on Thursday, 13th November. Students will be expected to arrive at 2:15pm. Parents are invited to the school hall for a special performance and the last of our information sessions.

Assembly
Next Friday will be our third Assembly in succession. K/1P will be hosting the assembly and putting on a special performance. It is wonderful to see so many awards being handed out to students in the past few weeks. Our students really do strive to be safe, respectful learners.
**Fundraising Opportunity**
The Station Hotel in Kurri Kurri is offering a fundraising opportunity for our school community. Titled “Eating out for Education”, if you eat out at the Station Hotel throughout the week (Monday to Friday), $1 from any main meal ordered will be donated back to the school at the end of each month. All you need to do is nominate the school you wish to donate to. The Hotel is also offering a competition to design a logo for this initiative. If your child is interested in entering this competition, entry forms will be sent out with the newsletter.

**Watercatchers**
Vote for Pelaw Main Public School’s short film online!
Students from Pelaw Main Public School have been working hard to design their very own story board, to inform the community about the Water Wise rules. They were successful in being selected, as one of the nine finalists, and had a professional film crew at their school to film their story. The videos of all nine finalists will be showcased on the Water Catchers website [www.thewatercatchers.com.au](http://www.thewatercatchers.com.au) from Monday the 3rd of November. It’s here that you will be able to show your support, enter your email address, and vote for Pelaw Main Public School’s video. The public votes will be combined with the judges’ scores to help decide the winner, to be announced on the 28th of November. Pelaw Main Public School have a one in nine chance of winning $10,000 for their school – so please make your vote count! Voting closes on Friday 21 November.

**Selective High Schools Placement**
If your child is currently in Year 5 and you are interested in applying for your child to enrol at a selective High School for Year 7 2016, I have two paper copies of the enrolment procedures at school. You must, however, submit an application online at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement). You have until the 17th November to apply. Please contact the school if you wish to receive more information about this process.

**Vegie Gardens**
Our school’s vegie gardens need a little boost to keep them growing and producing lovely vegetables. Any donations of mulch hay, manure cow or horse and seedlings would be gratefully received.

**Year 6 Fundraising**
There will be a Year 6 Fundraising meeting Monday 9th November. All welcome.

**Eco Explorers Week 6**
Rhys 2C, Brady 2C, Brodie KH, Shanen 4L, Lilly S 2C.

**Kurri Kurri High School Book Packs**
Kurri Kurri High School is selling book packs for year 7 students throughout term 4. Packs contain everything students need for high school including all books, pens, pencils (lead and colouring), other stationary items and an 8gb USB. This pack will cost just $26. There is also an option of adding in a calculator into the pack; This pack will cost $46.

**Partners in Print**
Partners in Print – 9.30am to 10.30am Friday

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**Assembly Awards**
Congratulations to the following students who received an award at this weeks assembly.

- **Principal’s Awards**: Aydan O and Eve O.
- **Citizenship Awards**: Jordyn A and Braydon Q.
- **Library Awards**: Trixta and Makira.

**Live Life Well at School**
**Keep food cool** - Sandwiches can be frozen for up to a week and, if removed from the freezer in the morning, will thaw by lunchtime. Some nutritious sandwiches to freeze include those with fillings of cooked meats, baked beans, eggs, fish and cheese. Most fresh vegetables do not freeze well so put them on the sandwich when it’s packed in the lunch box.
Aharr, me hearties, a special Evening Story time to launch this year’s Summer Reading Program!

**WHEN:** Thursday November 27 5.30pm—6.30pm

**WHERE:** Kurri Kurri & Cessnock Libraries

**AGES:** 2-8, but younger & older siblings also welcome!

**COST:** Free!

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**Come to our**
**FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop**

**Date:** Wednesday, 12th November, 2014

**Time:** 12 noon until 1.30pm

**Venue:** Stanford Merthyr Infants School

Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables all their lives can help protect children against diseases, including some forms of cancer? This **free workshop** run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:

- Save time and money making healthy meals
- Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters
- Get a free recipe book simply by attending

Don’t miss out — registration is essential. To book your place please register no later than 10/11/14 by:

- registering at the school office
- emailing eatitobeatit@nswcc.org.au
- or phoning (02) 4923 0704

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**PELAW MAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION**

**NEXT MEETING**

**WHEN:** TUESDAY 11th November 2014

**WHERE:** STAFF ROOM

**TIME:** 6PM

**ALL WELCOME, HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**ём